

Arlington Council on Aging

Meeting Minutes June 18, 2020

Present: Michael Quinn, Nancy Cox, Pat Baillieul, Paul Raia, Anne Brown, Rick Fentin, Kristine Shah, Jill Greenlee, Mary Hung, and Marge Vanderhill.
Associates: Bob Tosi, Mara Klein Collins, and Karen Nichols. Joe Curro, BOS liaison.

Public meetings are conducted remotely due to the COVID pandemic. This meeting was recorded.

- A. Call to order: The regular meeting of the Council on Aging Board was called to order by Michael Quinn via Zoom at 6:00PM on June 18, 2020.
- B. Citizen's open forum: none
- C. Minutes of May 21, 2020, were approved. Rick so moved and Jill seconded.
- D. Executive Director Report, Kristine Shah. Additional notes and comments:
 - 1. Medical rides are back up and running, cabs and Uber, as appointments start up again.
 - 2. Grant updates: A \$15k grant application has been made from CDBG funds to purchase 40 Chrome books to help seniors access the internet. Joe mentioned that Mutual Aid of Arlington could help familiarize seniors with technology.
 - 3. Construction: The facilities committee salvaged as much furniture as possible before donating the rest.
- E. Michael reporting: The Harry Barber program, \$7500 per year, was cut at town meeting. Michael will try and get the funds restored in the fall at a special town meeting.
- F. Minuteman Senior Services, Marge reporting:
 - 1. MSS has been having online discussions with COA directors. All programs are still taking referrals.
 - 2. Kelly Magee Wright: COAs are addressing the isolation of their clients and lack of internet access for seniors. MSS has been sharing the best practices regarding COVID training.
 - 3. Reentry: Communities are at different levels. Are congregate meals still viable? What services can still be offered at the local level?
- G. ASA: Kristine reporting. No dues will be charged to members this year. Malcolm will stay on until after the renovation. After reopening, the suggestion was made to mention all those lost during the year at a special event
- H. Old Business: Board members: Paul Raia's term ends as of June 30. Many expressions of appreciation were given regarding Paul's contributions to the Board and the town, including the Disabilities committee and his work towards

Arlington becoming an Age Friendly Community. Paul will continue as an associate member. A process will begin to find another member.

1. Bob Tosi mentioned that there was an online memorial service for the Reverend Dick Phelps, a former board member.
 2. Michael reminded board members to complete the Ethics Compliance forms.
- I. New Business: The Capital campaign has been on hold during the COVID crisis. The 5k race will be virtual.
- J. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm. Paul so moved and Nancy seconded.